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Applicant requests that the Examiner consider the results of European Patent Office Search reports which have now issued in related application. The Search Report for European patent application 01201239 was completed on September 19, 2001 such that this information is being submitted to the Patent within 3 months. The Search Report for European application EP01201240 was completed on September 20, 2001. Again the information is being submitted within 3 months of the completion of the Search Report.

EP0333173 is cited under category X with the abstract as well as figures 1, 2, 4 and 6 being considered relevant. The reference is particularly relevant if taken alone as to European claims 1-9. The reference relates to an image data transmission apparatus including a reading unit transmission main body with the image reading unit being detachably mounted on the apparatus main body.

EP0548374 has been cited under category X with the abstract in figure 6 and 7 considered particularly relevant. The reference is stated to be particularly relevant if taken alone as to claims 1-9 of the European proceedings. The reference discloses a printer fitted with an image reader.

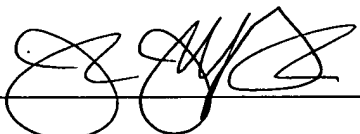
It is noted that the references are cited in both of the above applications as noted in the attached European Search Report. The relevancy and basis for the citation are similar.

With regard to EP0333173 Applicant is submitting herewith both the version A2 (complete application text) as well the version A3 with attached European Search Report. Consideration of both documents is requested.

Applicant further requests that the Examiner consider the references cited in parent application serial No. 08/964,257.

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2 European Search reports

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